

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 28, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. CLAY made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 227.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Laura C. Humber, widow of the late Captain Charles W. Humber, beg leave to report:*

That it appears from the records of the War Department, the husband of the petitioner entered the United States army as a cadet in September, 1835, was second lieutenant of seventh infantry July 1, 1840; first lieutenant, September, 1845; brevet captain, "for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battle of Cerro Gordo, 18th April, 1847;" severely wounded at San Geranimo, 19th August, 1847; and died at Fort Smith, Arkansas, January 2, 1858.

The petitioner prays a pension on the ground that her husband died of disease contracted in the line of his duty, in the service of the United States, in the war with Mexico.

The following facts appear in support of her claims: Surgeon J. M. Getty, of the United States army, under date of the 26th October, 1857, certifies that he had carefully examined Captain Humber, "and that he had a stricture of the urethra, with disease of the prostrate gland, from which he has suffered for ten or more years, and that in consequence, in my opinion, he is unfit for duty."

Assistant Surgeon Page, United States army, under date of January 16, 1858, says, that Captain Humber was suffering from chronic meningitis, which, it is probable, was caused by the exposure incident to his service in the army, and while in the line of his duty; that the disease may have had its origin from the heat of a tropical sun, while he was on duty in Mexico. He further states, that Captain Humber died from chronic meningitis, which, it is probable, was caused by the exposure incident to his service in the army, and while in the line of his duty. The disease may have had its origin from the heat of a tropical climate, while he was on duty in Mexico.

Albert F. Dunlap, M. D., states that he acted in the capacity of assistant surgeon, (his certificate dated 20th October, 1858,) and that

the disease of Captain Humber was "chronic enlargements of the prostate gland, which was aggravated by riding on horse back, the general state of his health rendering him unable to march on foot."

The committee, under a full examination of the testimony, are of the opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief; and, therefore, report the accompanying bill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 22, 1887—referred to a committee

Mr. CLAY made the following

## REPORT.

On a bill (S. No. 1000) to

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the petition of Laura C. Humber, widow of the late Captain H. Humber, beg leave to report.

That it appears from the records of the War Department, the records of the Pension Office, the United States Army, as a credit in the year 1855, was a pension of \$100 per month, and that the pension was continued until the death of the late Captain H. Humber, in the month of April, 1861.

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